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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7227

BILL NUMBER: HB 1351

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 10, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Wind Energy Conversion Systems.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Pelath

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that a unit of local government that adopts an ordinance regulating wind energy conversion systems must include a requirement that a wind energy conversion system tower be constructed of Indiana steel. It provides that the ordinance may exclude a wind energy conversion system that generates electricity solely for private use.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Depending on the specifications of an ordinance, a local unit could require additional expenditure to regulate and enforce the ordinance.

Explanation of Local Revenues: If an ordinance regulating wind energy conversion systems is adopted, the Indiana steel construction requirement could impact the decision of a company to develop a project in that area. In general, a wind project increases the property tax base and reduces tax rates for all taxpayers. If there is a case where a potential project does not materialize, then the tax base would not increase and tax rates would not be reduced.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Local units of government adopting an ordinance under the bill.

Information Sources:

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